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	<b>Title</b>	DAMPING SYSTEM FOR MECHANICAL SHUTTER
	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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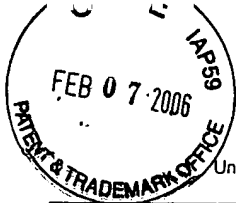
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Va, Inc.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/540,969 Filed/Issue Date: June 9, 2005

Entitled: Damping System for Mechanical Shutter

Va, Inc., a Corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

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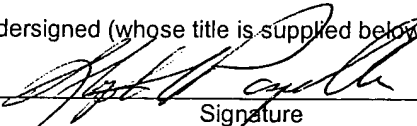
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

  
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Date

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Helen Yan, residing at 1145 Wellington Drive, Victor, New York 14564; and  
Christopher Akuncius, residing at 1594 Watford Road, Walworth, New York 14568

HEREBY ASSIGN(S) to the ASSIGNEE(S)

VA, Inc., doing business at 803 Linden Avenue, Rochester, New York 14625

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**Damping System for Mechanical Shutter**

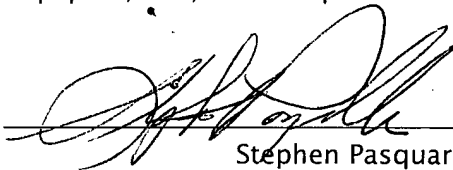
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Dated:

2/1/06



Stephen Pasquarella


STATE OF NEW YORK )

COUNTY OF MONROE ) ss

Before me personally appeared said Stephen Pasquarella and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Feb, 2006.  
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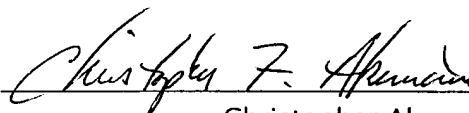
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